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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “A”

Dwudziesta Piąta Niedziela Zwykła

September 18, 2011

“Get your tools ready; God will find you work.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 11:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English

Today, September 18th – XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's generosity is above and beyond our human ways of thinking, and we can admire and rejoice in it.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18; **Tue.**, Ezra 6:7-8.12b.14-20; Luke 8:19-21; **Wed.**, Ephesians 4:1-7.11-13; **Matthew 9:9-13**; **Thu.**, Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9; **Fri.**, Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22; **Sat.**, Zechariah 2:5-9.14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45

TUESDAY, September 20th - Weekday

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, September 21st – Feast – St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Son of Alpheus, Matthew was a publican, that is, a tax collector for the Romans. His profession was despised by the Jews. Nevertheless, our Lord called him to be an apostle. Matthew's vocation reminds us that sanctity is not restricted only to a certain states in life. All professions, all our work and all our other endeavors should be sanctified. We do not know details of his evangelization or of his martyrdom which by most accounts took place in Persia or Ethiopia. Tradition unanimously acknowledges his as the author of the first Gospel, written in Aramaic, and afterwards translated into Greek.

Patron Saint of: accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, tax collectors

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, September 22nd - Weekday

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 25th - XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time – Spójnia Sunday

11:00AM – Holy Mass for the intentions of Spójnia.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – Pokropisz mnie Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Psalm 145:8-9)

V. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love.

R. The Lord is good to all, compassionate to every creature.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

I Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

The prophet stresses God's utter transcendence and God's merciful love – these are complementary and not contradictory.

GRADUAL (Psalm 103:8-10)

V. Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. God does not always rebuke, nurses no lasting anger.

R. He has not dealt with us as our sins merit, nor requited us as our deeds deserve.

II Reading: Philippians 1:20-24.27

St. Paul desires to die to be more fully with Christ, but it is God's will that he remain on this earth to carry out His mission.

ALLELUIA (Romans 9:15b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**
V. I will show mercy to whom I will, I will take pity on whom I will.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

God cannot be measured by any human standards. As the source of everything that exists, the Lord can bestow His blessings according to His loving kindness.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev'ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. Amen.

COMING EVENTS

FRACKVILLE

Sep. 30th Bleenie Sale
Oct. 1st Blessing of Animals (2:00PM) ??

GENERAL CHURCH

Oct. 18th Episcopal consecration of the Very Rev. Paul Sobiechowski (3:00PM – St. Stanislaus Cathedral)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners and Friends for their donations, time and hard work this week to better our parish and Church. The Sunday greeters, the people working on fundraisers, the decorators, repair and maintenance people and members of the choir.

THANK YOU to church operational fund donation: **Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes, Mrs. Helen Menzyk, Mrs. Mary Stukas, Mr. Lance Nelson, Mr. Julian Bednarek, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Savitsky.** When you make a check for donations, please make them out to: **Holy Ghost PNCC.**

THANK YOU – very much to **Joe Karvois** and **Dylan Whitecavage** for their help at the altar.

PLEASE CALL FR. ROBERT - ..if you or a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home; ..if your phone number or address change; ..if you have a prayer concern.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Jaroslaw Rafalko**, his wife and parishioners of the Holy Trinity parish in Kewanee, IL.

BISHOP'S CONSECRATION – The Prime Bishop, the Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky and the Supreme Council of the PNCC joyfully invite you to the Consecration of the Very Rev. Paul Sobiechowski as a Bishop in the Church of God on **Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 3:00PM** at St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr Cathedral Scranton, PA. A free reception to follow in the Youth Center. A Deadline is September 29, 2011.


OFFICE OF THE PRIME BISHOP - Several parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church have contacted the National Church Center Office with their desire to help those affected by Hurricane Irene and the subsequent flooding.


For any parishes that wish to participate, a special fund is being put in place with these funds that are collected. Please send your collections to the National Church Center Office designated for this disaster relief.

We also wish to know if there are parishes or individuals who were negatively affected by these events. Please contact the National Church Center so that we can better assist you during these trying times. Thank you all for your continued help and prayers.


THE PARISH MEMBERSHIP – to keep our parish membership list up to date – please pay your dues during the fiscal year, a deadline is December 31, 2011. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **Sep. 25:** Spójnia members; **Nov. 6:** sp. William & Josephine Zamonas; **Nov. 27:** sp. Charles Hoppes and Robert Hoppes.


 **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Claire Mallick – Violet Cegielski. Eugenia Halaburda – Dolores Halaburda. **Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.)** - Margaret Kruszynski - Edward Ryszka Jr.


 **HOSPITAL VISIT.** If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification. Please remember that with privacy laws, the Parish is often not informed when someone enters. Please call the rectory so Fr. Robert can come for prayer.

SHOPPING at “REDNER” REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners and Friends that if you go shopping at *Redner's* please use your “Redner's card” for purchase. When you will do it the Parish can get a credit – Thank you!

 **WELCOME OUR VISITORS** – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship!

THE MANOR AT WAYMART – a personal care facility, is located in beautiful waymart, PA near the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center. We invite you to contact us at **570-488-6829** or manoratwaymart@echoes.net for rates, room availability, or to arrange a tour of our facility.

 **CONFESSIONS FOR THE YOUTH** – Our younger members as well as their parents are reminded that Confession is an essential part of a child's religious upbringing. Remember this important part of their religious life. Confession is held on the **first Sunday** of every month at **10:45AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age should come to **private** Confession. If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come for private confession at least once a month. If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

 **CONFIRMATION CLASSES.** The Classes will start in **October 2011**. I'm asking the parents whose children was not confirmed, please encouraged your children to attend the classes. The minimum age for Confirmation is 14. Students who will be 14 years old or older in May 2013 are eligible to take confirmation classes. The course is two years, as required by the Church and will be completed in Spring of the year 2013.

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH CONCERNS - In this blessed land of the United States of America, no community is complete without its House of Worship. For this, full credit must be justly given to the Founding Fathers of our Country. Our forefathers were of a thoroughbred spiritual stock. Being God fearing, religious and church going people they built our national structure upon the foundation of God. Judging by the results, God was with them in all their civic undertakings with a blessing that was as constant as it was generous. If there is any truth whatever in the proverb, “like father, like son,” then it is easy to understand why the present generation intends to keep God in its midst today, tomorrow and forever. To God's glory and His name the

people of the United States have built beautiful temples and churches, large or small, stately or simple, according to the means of the community and the needs of the congregation they were intended to serve. Inspired with this motive and impelled with this same purpose a group of citizens of Polish descent and emigrants from Poland residing in Shenandoah area united in a resolve to built for them a House of Worship. Early in the 1920's residents of Shenandoah turned for guidance and advice to the Most Rev. Franciszek Hodur in Scranton, PA. An organizational meeting was held in May 1922 in the presence of the Rev. Father Leon Grochowski and the Rev. Father Jan Gritenas who helped to organize the Holy Ghost Polish National Catholic Church. The church records state that the first Mass was celebrated in the Russian Hall on Center Street by the Rev. Father Stanisław Cybulski and for the first time the Mass was celebrated in the Polish language. Later, property was purchased at West Lloyd and Chestnut Streets and a church was built and dedicated in December 1923. In addition to the church building, the parish's property consists of a rectory, cemetery and park..During these formative years, the parish grew in membership and various societies were organized to help with the work of the parish. Among them were the Ladies Adoration Society, The Polish School Society, two branches of the Polish National Union of America - (Spójnia), Young Men's Resurrection Society, the St. Mary's Girls Society and the Frederick Chopin Choir.

Now we are desperately struggle to survive, and to keep our church doors open. ***Dear Parishioners and Friends***, please, take care of your own parish, because we are in danger to close. Our parish family needs you, your assistance and participation: both: spiritually – in time of worship, and financially – to support your own church.by your donations. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER

Angel of God, My Guardian Dear, to whom His love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. *Amen.*

Receiving the Holy Eucharist – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

